

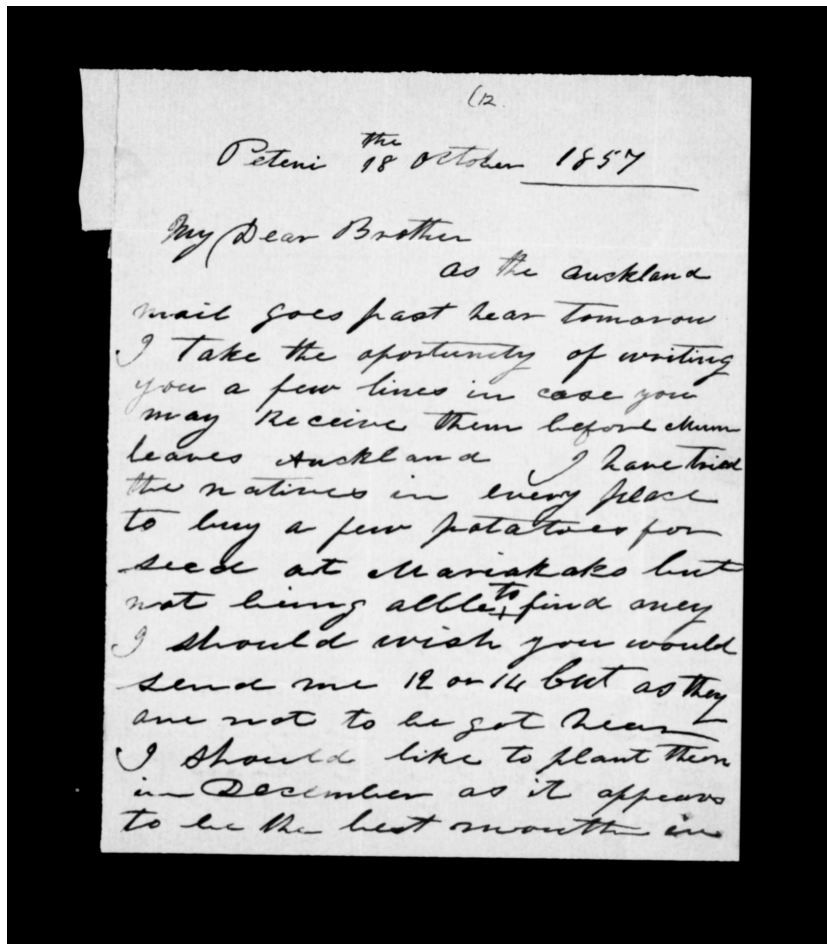
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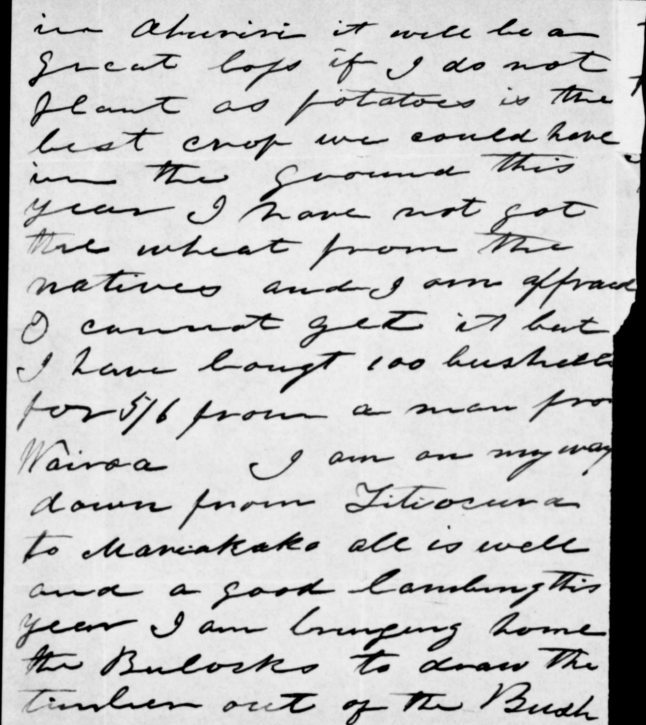
Peteni

My dear brother

As the Auckland mail goes past hear tomorrow I take the opportunity of writing you a few lines in case you may receive them before Munn leaves Auckland. I have tried the natives in every place to buy a few potatoes for seed at Mariakako but not being able to find any I should wish you would send me 12 or 14 but as they are not to be got hear. I should like to plant them in December as it appears to be the best month in



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